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CELEBRATE BIG BASIN'S CENTENNIAL AT THE BIG BASIN FESTIVAL

September 14 & September 15

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

\$5 Includes Entry and Transportation

Big Basin's Hundredth Birthday will be celebrated with two days of environmental and historical fun, including talking banana slugs, rangers from decades past, vintage camping vehicles and gear, a memory mural, and games, crafts and artwork of the forest. Two stages will present the area's finest eclectic mix of folk, bluegrass, looping, ambient and children's music. Headliners are Julia Butterfly Hill, ZunZun and the Banana Slug Band. Dozens of environmental groups will provide entertainment and eco-fun for the whole family.

At the turn of the last century, the Santa Cruz Mountains were almost clear-cut but for the efforts of a small group of passionate and committed women and men. While sitting around a campfire in "The Basin", these folks began a revolutionary movement to protect the old-growth coastal redwoods forests. They envisioned a park that would be open to all people, and began creating what is now the oldest State Park in California. After a two-year campaign, this group convinced the state legislature to preserve 1,800 acres of land in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Big Basin is now 100 years old, encompasses 18,000 acres and reaches from the top of the mountains to the edge of the open sea.

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This weekend is a time to celebrate the conservation movement's success, with music, art, storytelling, food and drink. Come to Big Basin and hug a tree. It will transform you.

Tickets are \$5 and include transportation to and from Big Basin. Metro bus routes 35 and 35A will run often from 9 AM to 8 PM. For Park and Ride and Ticket locations, and a full schedule, call 831 335-3174 or visit www.mountainparks.org.

Presented in partnership between Mountain Parks Foundation and California State Parks.

ATTRACTIONS

Camping Though the Ages

Walk through campsites with vintage vehicles and camp gear from the 1910s to today. Folks beamed into Big Basin from past decades will demonstrate antique autos, campers, tents and other creative solutions to "car camping". At the last stop, set up and try on the latest gear from Bugaboo Mountain Sports.

Big Basin Post Office

Visit the Big Basin Post office and write a post card or letter, and get it posted by the temporary Big Basin Post Office. Or mail your letter in a special Centennial Commemorative envelope. All post office employees will be visiting from the past!

Memory Mural

Bring photos and stories of Big Basin for this three-dimensional, 6-foot high photo album.

Oral Histories

What are your stories about Big Basin? Tell them to a story collector at the Oral History booth.

Coffee with a Ranger

In the 1930s and 1940s a ranger would have informal discussions and coffee with campers. Harriet Petey Weaver, led the talks in the 1940s, and will lead them again this weekend. Also chat with her constant companion, Frosty the Raccoon!

Shadow Puppets

Tell The Sempervirens Story, about the founding of Big Basin

The Penhale Room

Go back in time with a reenactment of Mr. Leonard Penhale, a scientist/naturalist in 1940s and 1950s. Ask him questions, about the future of conservation in 2002!

Our Changing Views of Redwoods

It's all the way you look at it! Are redwood resources to use, resources to sell, trees to save? Do we see trees or ecosystems? What should we do about fire policy? What does the discovery of marbled murrelet mean to the save-the-redwoods movement? Find out at the Redwood Loop.

Art in Nature

Regional artists capture the real and imagined flora and fauna of the Santa Cruz Mountains and other places that honor nature. Buy original works or just wander through the redwoods and enjoy artwork inspired by nature.

And More!

Guided nature walks, face painting, arts, crafts, and games for all ages. Do your own sun prints and knot tying. Take costumed pictures at historic sites like the auto tree. And eat and drink from the plenty of food and drinks, from old-fashioned bar-b-q and beer to vegan, organic salads and juice.

Two Stages of Music and Keynote Speakers

Saturday

Friends Café Stage

- 11:30 ZunZun, for kids and their friends
- 1:00 The Sibling Brothers Bluegrass Band
- 2:30 Lunatic Fringe Bluegrass Band, with Far Eastern influences
- 4:00 Jessica Bryan & Tom Cluney, American and Celtic Folk

Campfire Stage

- 10:00 Tom Heasley Ambient Tuba
- 11:00 What Hath Hill Wrought? A Redwood Melodrama in 8 Acts
- 12:00 Grace Hearn and Michael Savage, music for the senses
- 1:30 Alisa Fineman & Kimball Hurd, singer songwriters for our times
- 3:00 Tarantula Jug Band, Official Band of Henry Coe State Park
- 5:00 ChuChumbe, danceable music of the Americas

Sunday

Friends Café Stage

- 11:00 Doug Greenfield of the Banana Slug Band
- 12:30 Mariposa, music inspired by natural history & folk legends of the golden state
- 2:00 Rick Walker, looping through the redwoods
- 3:30 Ingrid Noyes, kids and environment

Campfire Stage

- 11:30 Sadza Marimba Band
- 1:00 Birch Lake Ramblers Bluegrass
- 2:30 Sherry Austin Band, New folk
- 4:00 Julia Butterfly Hill, Keynote Speaker lived in the redwood Luna for two years
- 4:30 Banana Slug Band, music for kids of all ages and the environment

TICKETS/PARKING

\$5 admission includes Metro transportation if purchased before Sept. 14. THERE IS NO PARKING AVAILABLE AT BIG BASIN. Take any Metro Bus, Route 35A/35. Extra buses running all day! Buses run from 9 AM to 8 PM.

Park and Ride Locations

- Metro Station Downtown Santa Cruz
- Metro Station Scotts Valley
- San Lorenzo Lumber parking lot, Graham Hill Road, Felton
- Redwood Elementary, 4 1/2 miles north of Boulder Creek on Hwy 9

Tickets Available at:

Mountain Parks Foundation Store

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Felton
Big Basin Redwoods State Park

The Book loft

1207 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz - Cross Street Seabright/next to Rio Theater

Streetlight Records

941 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz - Cross Street Cathcart, next to Catalyst

BugABoo Mountain Sports

1521 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz - Across from Bookshop Santa Cruz

Monterey Bay Banks

601 Bay Avenue, Capitola - Across from Gayle's Bakery
35 East Lake Drive, Watsonville - Cross street: Brennan
6265 Highway 9, Felton

New Leaf Community Markets

6240 Highway 9, Felton
13159 Highway 9, Boulder Creek

Or visit: www.ticketweb.com